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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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3 ISRAEL GAMERO, et al.,

4 Plaintiffs,

5 v.

15 CV 2697 (KPF)

6 KOODO SUSHI CORP, et al.,

7 Defendants.

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9 New York, N.Y.  
October 21, 2015  
4:03 p.m.

10 Before:

11 HON. KATHERINE POLK FAILLA,

12 District Judge

13 APPEARANCES

14 MICHAEL FAILLACE & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

15 Attorneys for Plaintiffs

16 BY: RAQUEL A. GUTIERREZ

17 MICHELLE KOO, Pro se

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(In open court)

THE DEPUTY CLERK: In the matter of Israel Gamero, et al., v. Koodo Sushi Corporation, et al. If the parties could please identify themselves for the record, beginning with plaintiff.

MS. GUTIERREZ: Raquel Gutierrez from Michael Faillace & Associates on behalf of all plaintiffs.

THE COURT: Good afternoon.

Ms. Koo, good afternoon.

MS. KOO: Ms. Koo from Koodo Sushi.

THE COURT: Good afternoon.

I was made aware by Judge Netburn that efforts to resolve this case short of extended litigation were not successful.

What I'd like to do is the following. I'd like to speak to each of you privately in the robing room to the extent you're willing to discuss with me whether there is any possibility of continuing or building on the discussions that were had before Judge Netburn.

And with particular respect to Ms. Koo, because of the circumstances and the discussions that we had when I first met with her, I will be asking her separately a little bit about her financial condition to determine whether I am to appoint pro bono counsel to her for a limited purpose to continue this litigation. I say for a limited purpose because I'm not sure I

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1 could get someone for all purposes, but I also am not  
2 comfortable given what she has said to me in the past letting  
3 her go forward unrepresented.

4 So what I'd like to do first is I'm going to take a  
5 few moments with Ms. Koo and then I'm going to take a few  
6 moments with Ms. Gutierrez. And this may be a very short  
7 meeting, in which case we'll talk about what to do going  
8 forward in the case, or it may be a longer meeting, in which  
9 case we'll keep talking.

10 Thank you very much. And we'll go off the record now.

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